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DA Files Charges Against Crane Operator

San Bernardino, CA – After a lengthy investigation, the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Specialized Prosecution Group filed three counts of PC192 (b), Involuntary Manslaughter and one count of LC 6425, Negligent Killing of a Co-Worker against Joseph Dimaano, 33, of Menifee.

Dimaano, who worked for Pouk and Steinle as a crane operator and subcontracted to Southern California Edison, was replacing power poles in Upland, CA. Dimaano lost control of one of the poles and it struck and killed a couple riding in a car, Joel Everett Ridley of San Dimas and Betty Jean Deyo of Montclair. When the pole struck the car, it was pushed in the other direction and killed Dimaano's co-worker, David Wayne Jenkins of Pahrump, NV.

Dimaano is due to be arraigned in Superior Court on in Rancho Cucamonga on Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

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